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SUBJECT: US CUSTOMS EXECUTIVE OBSERVATION PROGRAM FOR CUSTOMS DIRECTOR OF NEPAL

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1. GON DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMS DURGA PRAKASH PANDE INFORMED EMBOFF FEBRUARY 22 THAT HE HAD AT LONG LAST SUCCEEDED IN OBTAINING GOVERNMENT'S PERMISSION TO ACCEPT INVITATION TO TRAVEL TO US FOR EXECUTIVE OBSERVATION PROGRAM. PANDE STATED OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION WOULD FOLLOW, BUT, FOR OUR PLANNING PURPOSES, HE WOULD BE FREE FROM APRIL 20 TO MAY 20, 1978.

2. LOOKING BACK OVER FILE ON THIS INVITATION WHICH IS NOW SOME FOUR YEARS OLD, WE NOTE THAT DATES PROPOSED BY PANDE DO NOT ALLOW LEAD TIME APPARENTLY NORMALLY REQUIRED TO SCHEDULE SUCH VISITS. WE WISH TO URGE, HOWEVER, THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO ARRANGE FOR PROGRAM FOR PANDE WITHIN TIME FRAME INDICATED. PANDE HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL TO EMBASSY
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ON NUMBER OF OCCASIONS AND HE AND HIS DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMS ARE BY FAR AND AWAY THE MOST ACTIVE ARM OF THE GON AND OUR STRONGEST ALLY IN NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORT. WE FEEL CERTAIN THAT HE WILL NOT ONLY APPRECIATE PERSONALLY BUT ALSO BENEFIT PROFESSIONALLY FROM PROPOSED TRIP TO US.

3. DELAY IS, OF COURSE, THEORETICALLY POSSIBLE, BUT, AS FILE

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ALSO INDICATES, PROBLEM OF GETTING PERMISSION FROM GON FOR PANDE TO LEAVE HAS BEEN MONUMENTAL. IF WE CANNOT ACCOMMODATE HIM DURING THE DATES HE HAS PROPOSED IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT HE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN SECURING PERMISSION A SECOND TIME. WE THEREFORE REITERATE HOPE THAT PROGRAM FOR APRIL-MAY DATES PROPOSED BY PANDE CAN BE ARRANGED.

4. AS POINT OF CLARIFICATION, ARE WE CORRECT IN ASSUMING THAT INVITATION COVERS ALL EXPENSES, INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL?
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